

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claim 20 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been added. With this amendment, claims 1-19 are pending.

Claim 10 has been amended to replace "A" with "The" to correct a typographical error.

The Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups: Group I (claims 1-19) and Group II (Claim 20). The Restriction Requirement states that Group I, which includes claims 1-19, is drawn to seed-support medium, classified in class 47, subclass 59S, and that Group 2, which includes claim 20, is drawn to a method of germinating a seed, classified in class 47, subclass 62A. Restriction has been required because it is alleged that the inventions as listed above are related as process and apparatus for its practice.

In view of the claims having been restricted into two groups having the above-described relationship, Applicant elects prosecution of the claims of Group I and has cancelled claim 20.

As filed, this application contained 3 independent claims and 17 dependent claims. With the cancellation of one independent claim, it is believed that no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,



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